

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

e the Application of:

Davidson, Robert S. et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MINIMIZING HEAT, MOISTURE, AND SHEAR DAMAGE TO MEDICANTS AND OTHER COMPOSITIONS DURING INCORPORATION OF SAME WITH EDIBLE FILMS

Group Art Unit: 1615

Examiner: Page, Thurman K.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as

follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 14.

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